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Is The CIA Meddling In Jamaica Study Uncovers Huge Cove

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Kingston, Jamaica—An intelligence watchdog project claims the CIA is actively trying to undermine this island's government, and on a scale reminiscent of foreign intervention in Chile which resulted in Salvador Allende's ouster in 1973. Jamaica (pop.

2 million) is 94 percent black.

The Covert Action Information Bulletin, a London-based publication, writes: "We have conducted an extensive and exhaustive investigation into U.S. diplomatic personnel stationed in Jamaica, and have confirmed that the CIA presence here is on the rise. In 1976, Philip Agee (a former agent who wrote a compelling book about CIA excesses) uncovered nine CIA members here (of whom only one remains); we have uncovered to date at least 15 more, and many have recently arrived."

Louis Wolfe, publisher of the Bulletin, during a recent press conference at the New Kingston Hotel, said "Jamaica was a training ground for CIA operations in Chile, and now a similar large-scale destabilization program is in operation here."

Wolfe said his publication has tagged over 2,000 CIA agents all over the world through a scientific screening of public sources, including foreign service files, diplomatic ledgers, and State Department biographical material. "It's really not all that difficult to spot them," Wolfe said,

because "the Bulletin's research pattern has consistently button-holed agents with job descriptions such as "Research Analyst," "Operations Officer," "Politics Officer" or "Economics Officer." He said some governmental agencies invent "fictional positions" to facilitate as "covers" for agents. "In many cases some people don't even realize they are

employed by the CIA, they figure they are just doing their job, nine-to-five."

Wolfe went beyond naming names at his press conference here. In some instances he gave out the agents' phone numbers, addresses, dates of arrival in the country, previous assignments, even descriptions of some cars belonging to ranking agents—including the car license plate numbers.

He claims the agents have spurred social uneasiness by encouraging selected merchants to exacerbate food and fuel shortages, and weapons are often funneled to political terrorists for confrontations which promote fear and uncertainty. Wolfe said his list is not the result of any contacts he has within the CIA, and he noted: "this may not be the total picture of CIA involvement here." He said the CIA force in Jamaica consists of the chief, deputy chief, five operations officers, two telecommunications officers (another is expected soon), five secretaries and record-keepers and there is one "actual Foreign Service officer who performs some joint activities with the CIA, though he is apparently not a CIA officer."

Wolfe said the CIA contingent in Jamaica includes at least one black Jones, an Operator who works w Urban Upgrading I and a husband-and-wife communications team (Wesley Kinsley is and his wife, Sunc secretary).

Shortly after R Kinsman was listed

CIA chief for Jamaica, his home at 1 Carmel Ave., in the fashionable Cherry Gardens district was bombed. He was not injured. Police have no leads and theories range from an assault by outraged leftists, to a deliberate act by conservatives seeking to weaken Prime Minister Michael Manley's People's National Party by drawing sympathy for the U.S. embassy staffers and rightist American parties who are backing Edward P.G. Seaga's Jamaican Labour Party's drive to win control of the government. The liberal Peoples National Party has instituted social reforms which have irritated the middle class and worried investors.

Others listed as CIA agents in Jamaica are: William A. Moffett, Patricia A. Dolan, Florine B. Cox, Thomas J. Ballweg, William Goodson, Edward Baker, Ruby Johnson, Cordette Brown, Albert E. Nevils, Travis B. Poston, William R. Baque and Bruce L. Pearson (who is serving as an assistant). Wolfe also listed Pearson as one of eight persons serving as CIA staffers in Jamaica between 1976 and 1979.

Jones, the black named as a CIA agent in Jamaica, was slated to be hit. Police said they uncovered a plan which called for Jones' house to be blown up. Jones is one of the six who has departed.

Press reports in the U.S. have indicated that Manley's People's National Party had "invited" Wolfe to come to Jamaica and make the report in order to use the statement for political purposes. Wolfe said he came on his own free will, in response to a commitment to see the CIA checked in Jamaica. Other press reports noted that The Daily Gleaner, a privately owned and influential publication, was not invited to Wolfe's press conference. But Wolfe said all the media were invited, but the Gleaner refused to dispatch any reporters. The Gleaner then wrote blistering editorial columns which called the CIA reports nonsense.

Wolfe went on to note that the three "CIA chiefs for Jamaica" in the last eight years are still active elsewhere. Thomas J. Keeman, who served as chief in Jamaica from 1973 to 1975, has been the CIA chief for Santiago, Chile since December, 1979, Wolfe said.

Norman M. Descoteaux, who served as the top CIA official in Kingston from 1975 to 1977, was recently re-assigned to a chief's position in Algiers.

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